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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Darin G. Schaeffer, et al.Appln. No.: 10/608,043Filed: June 27, 2003For: INTRODUCER SHEATHAttorney Docket No: 10703/025 (PA-5346-RFB)Examiner: Ho, Uyen T.Art Unit: 3731Confirmation No. 7932

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal duplicate; Response to Office Action Dated June 30, 2006  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

## Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

Sept. 14, 2006  
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**PATENT**

**Case No.: 10703/025 (PA-5346-RFB)**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 2006**

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The Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.